

**HB 2544 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Drazan, Rep. Smith Warner

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action Date:** 06/21/21

**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 11 - Bynum, Drazan, Gomberg, Leif, McLain, Nosse, Rayfield, Sanchez, Smith G, Sollman, Stark

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 12 - Anderson, Frederick, Girod, Golden, Gorsek, Hansell, Johnson, Knopp, Lieber, Steiner Hayward, Taylor, Thomsen

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**Reviewed By:** Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Department of Human Services  
2021-23**

**Budget Summary**

|              | 2019-21                                      | 2021 - 23             | 2021-23                  | Committee Change from 2019-21               |          |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
|              | Legislatively Approved Budget <sup>(1)</sup> | Current Service Level | Committee Recommendation | Committee Change from 2019-21 Leg. Approved |          |
|              |                                              |                       |                          | \$ Change                                   | % Change |
| General Fund | \$ -                                         | \$ -                  | \$ 3,600,000             | \$ 3,600,000                                | 100.0%   |
| Total        | \$ -                                         | \$ -                  | \$ 3,600,000             | \$ 3,600,000                                | 100.0%   |

**Position Summary**

|                                      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Authorized Positions                 | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.88 | 0.88 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through January 2021

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

HB 2544 makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,600,000 to the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to fund an unaccompanied homeless youth services enhancement grant program and a host home projects grant program in the 2021-23 biennium. Both grant programs are designed to assist youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to secure housing and other essential services.

**Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action**

HB 2544 provides a one-time investment of \$3,600,000 General Fund and one limited duration position (0.88 FTE) in the ODHS Self Sufficiency program to fund an unaccompanied homeless youth services enhancement grant program and a host homes projects grant program.

For the purposes of the unaccompanied homeless youth services enhancement program, unaccompanied homeless youth are defined as individuals ages 14 through 23 who are homeless and not in custody of a parent or legal guardian. The unaccompanied homeless youth services enhancement grant program provides grants to organizations that increase the accessibility of programs and services, such as shelter facilities, outreach, culturally specific services, and mental health or substance abuse services; and to create or strengthen partnerships with transitional housing options.

The host homes projects grant program provides grants to organizations that operated a host home project on January 1, 2021, and provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth by facilitating an arrangement where eligible youth reside in the home of a private individual. For the purposes of the host homes projects grant program, unaccompanied homeless youth are individuals ages 16 through 21 who are not in custody of a parent, legal guardian, or ODHS. Eligible organizations are those having a demonstrated ability to establish or expand host home projects. Grant recipients are directed to work with unaccompanied homeless youth to improve school attendance, participate in formal or informal mentoring, and increase access to nutrition, health care, mental trauma-informed support, and transportation services.

The measure requires ODHS to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly relating to housing, homeless youth services, and high school education by September 15, 2022 and September 15, 2023. To carry out the provisions of this bill, the bill provides funding for ODHS for one limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position. This position will develop and implement the host home project grant program, monitor and evaluate grant outcomes and expenditures, and provide technical assistance to grantees, program staff, and other stakeholders. The bill results in personal services staffing costs of \$183,815 General Fund and the associated services and supplies costs of \$38,050 General Fund. In addition, special payments costs of \$3,378,135 General Fund represent the grant awards to selected organizations.

**DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION**

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| DESCRIPTION                     | GENERAL FUND | LOTTERY FUNDS | OTHER FUNDS |            | FEDERAL FUNDS |            | TOTAL ALL FUNDS | POS | FTE  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----|------|
|                                 |              |               | LIMITED     | NONLIMITED | LIMITED       | NONLIMITED |                 |     |      |
| <u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u> |              |               |             |            |               |            |                 |     |      |
| Personal Services               | \$ 183,815   | \$ -          | \$ -        | \$ -       | \$ -          | \$ -       | \$ 183,815      | 1   | 0.88 |
| Services and Supplies           | \$ 38,050    | \$ -          | \$ -        | \$ -       | \$ -          | \$ -       | \$ 38,050       |     |      |
| Special Payments                | \$ 3,378,135 | \$ -          | \$ -        | \$ -       | \$ -          | \$ -       | \$ 3,378,135    |     |      |
| TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS               | \$ 3,600,000 | \$ -          | \$ -        | \$ -       | \$ -          | \$ -       | \$ 3,600,000    | 1   | 0.88 |
| SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION     | \$ 3,600,000 | \$ -          | \$ -        | \$ -       | \$ -          | \$ -       | \$ 3,600,000    | 1   | 0.88 |